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Commencement Announcements
and Necrology Report

THE INVITATION.

From June 12 to 16, inclusive, occurs "Commencement Week" at "Old Miami."

Although a formal invitation to be present at this closing of the one hundred and first year of Miami's history will be sent to Alumni and friends, this general announcement is to urge you further to come back to participate in the festivities of the week. We believe the Centennial celebration of last year did much to renew in the old graduates, and to kindle in the new, the real Miami spirit, and we hope as a result of the impetus acquired last year, to make Graduation Week of 1910 the largest and most enthusiastic Alumni gathering ever held at "Old Miami". Please plan now to be present.

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PROGRAM OF THE WEEK.

Sunday, June Twelfth.

- 10:30 A. M. Baccalaureate Service. Sermon by the President of the University.
- 7:30 P. M. Annual Sermon before the Christian Associations. Sermon by the Reverend A. N. Hitchcock, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, Congregational Church, Chicago, Ill.

Monday, June Thirteenth.

- 7:30 P. M. Class play of the Graduating Class of the Ohio State Normal College: "Pride and Prejudice."

Tuesday, June Fourteenth.

- 10:00 A. M. Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Board Room, Auditorium.
- 2:00 P. M. Commencement Exercises of the Ohio State Normal College: Address by Professor William M. Davidson, Ped. D., Superintendent of Schools, Omaha, Nebraska, and President of the Superintendent's Section of the National Education Association.
- 4:00 P. M. Reunion of the Graduates of the Ohio State Normal College, at the Home of Dean and Mrs. Minnich.
- 6:30 P. M. Balcony Concert of the University Glee Club, at the Auditorium.
- 7:30 P. M. Senior Class Play of the College of Liberal Arts, "As You Like It."

PROGRAM OF THE WEEK.

Wednesday, June Fifteenth.

- 12:00 M. Annual Alumni Reunion and Luncheon, Bishop Chapel.
- 5:00 P. M. Class Reunions.
- 7:30 P. M. Reunions of the Literary Societies in the Erodelphian and Miami Union halls.
- 9:00 P. M. Reunions of the Greek-Letter Fraternities and other organizations.
Beta Theta Pi House, 220 South Main Street.
Phi Delta Theta House, 428 East High Street.
Delta Kappa Epsilon House, 108 South Beech Street.
Sigma Chi House, 214 East High Street.
Delta Upsilon House, 200 South Campus Ave.
Phrenocon House, 14 North Campus Avenue.

Thursday, June Sixteenth.

- 9:45 A. M. The Commencement Processional, Campus.
Dedication of the Library.
- 10:00 A. M. The Eighty-Sixth Annual Commencement exercises of the College of Liberal Arts. Address by Honorable Henry Smith Pritchett, LL. D., President of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, New York.
- 12:00 M. Formal Closing of the One Hundred and First Academic Year of Miami University.
- 2:00-4:00 P. M. The President's Reception at "Lewis Place."

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

All Alumni and former students will be the guests of the University at the Alumni Luncheon Wednesday. Tickets of admission will be presented by the Alumni Secretary, who will be found from 10:00 to 12:00, Wednesday morning, June 15, in the President's reception rooms in the Auditorium. The annual business meeting of the Alumni will be held immediately after the luncheon.

The classes of '0 and '5 have arranged reunions for 5:00 P. M., Alumni Day, June 15, as follows:

Class of '55 with Dean R. M. Hughes, 112 E. Walnut St.

Class of '60 with J. R. Saylor, E. High St.

Class of '65 with Reverend J. W. McSurely, 100 S. Campus ave.

Class of '70 with Supt. W. H. Stewart, E. Walnut St.

Class of '90 with Mr. E. B. Finch, W. High St.

Class of '95, with Professor B. J. Wildman, North Dormitory.

Class of '00 with Professor S. R. Williams, 300 E. Church Street.

Class of '05 with Professor S. J. Brandenburg, 428 E. Church Street.

Class of '09 with Professor E. E. Brandon, 201 E. Church Street.

Other Class Reunions will be arranged later.

Alumni are earnestly requested to join in the procession Commencement morning. Seats will be reserved immediately behind the graduating class for all alumni in the procession.

All persons desiring tickets for the Class Plays should write directly to the Co-operative Store, Oxford, Ohio, addressing the Class Manager for the particular play in mind, making reservations in this way.

NECROLOGY FOR 1909-1910.

By William J. McSurely, Class of 1856.

Rev. Adolphus Spring Dudley was born in Cincinnati, November 15, 1834, and died at Swissvale, Pittsburg, July 2, 1909. He was graduated in 1858, taking the first honor in the largest class that went out from the Old Miami. He was graduated at Lane Theological Seminary in 1861, and in December of that year he was ordained to the Ministry in the Presbyterian Church by the Dayton Presbytery. During the Civil War he was chaplain in the 146th Reg., O. V. I., and was commissioned with the rank of Major. His pastorates were at Morrow, Ohio; Logansport, Ind.; Granville, Ohio; Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was pastor of the Lane Seminary Church; and at Emporia, Kansas, where he had much to do in establishing Emporia College. While at Granville he was Professor of Philosophy in the Female College, and at this time he was offered the chair of English in Marietta College, but this he declined. For a number of years he was shut out from the active Ministry by weakness and deafness. He edited an Encyclopedia of Hamilton County, also the Law Bulletin. Wherever he lived he was an active worker for the welfare of his community.

An intimate friend and classmate has thus written concerning him: "He was remarkable for his achievements as a student and scholar; his faithfulness and success in the ministry; his heroism in the service of his country; his unflinching Christian courage; his cheerful helpfulness; and, crowning all his triumphs over trials, and the sweet serenity of his sunset days, his last day was his best. In the last few hours he was especially full of his usual spirits, cheerily talking and reading in his magnetic entertaining way, 'I never felt better in my life,' he said, not seeing the beckoning finger calling him hence. He crossed the room, sat down, and closed his eyes forever."

Walter Stephenson, of the Class of 1907, was born near Woods Station, Butler County, July 28, 1886, and died at Great Falls, Montana, by accidental drowning, July 22, 1909.

Mr. Stephenson was a good student and a good manly man. He was brave and unselfish and kind. In college he was the president of his class. Had he lived he would have been a leader among men, and he would have led them in right ways. Over his untimely death our hearts struggle to say: Father, as thou wilt.

Erskine Boies Fullerton, M. D., was born at South Salem, Ohio, August 29, 1842, and died suddenly at Portland, Oregon, while on a journey, July 31, 1909. He was prepared for college at the South Salem Academy, and was graduated here in the Class of 1863. He enlisted in the 86th O. V. I. as a private under Capt. McFarland, and attained the rank of First Lieutenant. He was graduated from Starling Medical College in 1866, and entered upon the practice of medicine in the city of Columbus, where he lived and labored until his death. He also in 1874 became a Professor in Materia Medica and Therapeutics in Starling Medical College, and he faithfully and efficiently filled this chair.

Dr. Fullerton was a quiet, modest, delightful gentleman, with a sprightly wit and sense of humor that made him an agreeable companion. He was diligent in his calling, and held a high place among his brother physicians. He was a trustworthy, lovable, useful man.

James Paul Townsley, of the Class of 1871, was born at Xenia, Ohio, about 1849. With the exception of his college days, he spent all his life in that city. In 1869 he entered the Junior Class in this University. After his graduation he became associated with his father in the mercantile business, and continued in this line for many years. For a short time he was connected with the New York Mutual Life Insurance Company, but for a number of years he lived a retired life in the old family home. He died September 5, 1909.

The Hon. W. S. Giffin, who was his class and roommate, has written this beautiful tribute:

"James P. Townsley was a noble, generous, lovable fellow, who made friends wherever he went and kept them, but

like most big-hearted men, he was easily influenced and imposed on although incapable of doing a mean thing. He was never vexed with care and anxiety, but was always hopeful, jovial and content, yet neither frivolous nor skeptical, and withal a charming companion.

"His intellect was as active and keen as his gait was slow and deliberate, although never spurred by a wholesome ambition to lofty and sustained effort. It was easy for him to maintain a fair average in his class, but he had little desire to excel, and seemed to enjoy rather the successes of his friends.

"Some men are great, some are just, and some are good, but the unselfish man is all in one, and Jim Townsley, as we knew him, was free from selfishness. May the spirit of his generous nature hover in our midst."

The Rev. David Morrow, of the Class of 1852, was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, October 1, 1823, and died at Napa, California, September 7, 1909.

He studied Theology in Oxford, was ordained by the Michigan Presbytery in 1857, was pastor of the United Presbyterian churches at Murray and Warren, Indiana, and Roseville, California. He was a Home Missionary in Kansas and Nebraska. For eight years he was an assistant in the Chinese Mission at Oakland, California. In 1894 he transferred his denominational connection to the Reformed Presbyterian church. He was a strong, self-reliant man, very positive in his opinions, and firm in their advocacy. He was kind and generous and conscientious and faithful, and characterized by an unselfish missionary spirit.

Pierson Cory Conklin, of the Class of 1853, was born in Reily Township, Butler County, January 24, 1833, and died September 14, 1909.

Mr. Conklin began his college course at Farmers' College. He entered Miami University in 1850. He was a diligent student, and a man of quiet and gentle manners. He was graduated from the Cincinnati Law School in 1855, and admitted to the bar in 1856. He located in Hamilton, and continued in his chosen profession there as long as he was able to work. He was an invalid for the last five years of his life.

In his law practice, Mr. Conklin preferred the office work

as more congenial to his disposition, and in this he was cautious and studious, self-denying and faithful and efficient.

He was a well educated, cultured, intelligent Christian gentleman. He was a trusted man, and he deserved and held the esteem of all who knew him.

The Bar Association of Butler County has recorded this tribute to his memory:

"In the death of Mr. Conklin, this bar has lost a member whose conduct throughout life, as a lawyer and as a public and private citizen, was such as to reflect credit upon the profession."

The Rev. Mitchell Matthew Brown was born at Morning Sun, Ohio, September 10, 1820, and died at Golden, Illinois, October 8, 1909, in the 90th year of his age. He studied Theology at Oxford, Ohio, under Dr. Claybaugh, and was licensed to preach by the First Presbytery of Ohio in 1844, and ordained by the Presbytery of Illinois on October 16, 1846. He was pastor of the United Presbyterian church in Springfield, Illinois, for some time; then became Principal of Union Academy of Sparta, Illinois; then Principal of a Seminary for Girls at Bloomington, Indiana; then Principal of Lincoln College at Greenwood, Mo. He returned to Home Mission work under the direction of the United Presbyterian Church until obliged to retire by the infirmities of age. The last ten years of his life were spent at Golden, Illinois, where he was not only very feeble, but a times a sore sufferer; yet his liveliness of spirit was never broken, and his interest in his college continued to the end. He was graduated here in 1840, under the Presidency of Dr. Bishop, whom he greatly revered and loved. It was the writer's privilege to receive a letter from him this last year, with reference to the reunion of the Alumni, and in it he suggested that some memorial should be set up to the memory of Dr. Bishop.

He was an excellent teacher. His pupils have held him in the highest regard, both as a teacher and as a man. He met the trials, and there were many, of his long life, and its vicissitudes with courage and hope. He dearly loved the old Miami, and he was worthy of her.

Charles Thompson McCaughan, D. D., of the Class of

1837, was born at Rock Ridge, Ky., June 19, 1814, and died at Winterset, Iowa, October 13, 1909, in the 96th year of his age. He studied theology in the Allegheny and Oxford Seminaries and was licensed in 1840, ordained by the Presbytery of Springfield in 1841, and installed as pastor over the A. R. Presbyterian Church in Sidney. He continued in this charge for sixteen years. He then entered upon educational work, in which he engaged for eight years at Urbana, Ohio, and Mansfield, Pa. He returned to the pastorate in 1865, laboring in the U. P. Church at Winterset, Iowa, and in churches nearby until 1882, when he retired from active pastoral labor. Yet his years of retirement were years of active usefulness and interest. He was a delegate to the U. P. General Assembly of 1908, and attended our Commencement exercises in June of that year. He offered the prayer at the opening of the Alumni reunion, and also the prayer at the beginning of the work of Commencement day. He was deeply interested in all the functions and addresses incident to the occasion, and rejoiced in the prosperity of the University. He was a model for old men, happy and cheerful and hopeful, and alive to present-day doings and happenings.

Cornelius Clark Platter was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, April 22, 1839. He was prepared for college at the South Salem Academy, and was graduated in Miami University in the Class of 1860, taking a classical honor. His standing was high both as a student and as a man. In 1861 he enlisted in the 81st O. V. I., and was promoted to different positions, attaining the rank of captain. He was a good soldier and officer, and took part in many battles. In 1864 he served on the staff of Gen. John A. Logan as Assistant Adjutant.

At the close of the war he engaged in business in Forest City, Mo. In 1870 he removed to Red Oak, Iowa, where he located on a farm and spent the rest of his life. He was an active and trusted citizen, and useful in his city and community. He was a member of the Iowa State Legislature for two terms. He was appointed postmaster at Red Oak in 1900, and continued in this office until his death, which occurred December 30, 1909.

Brother Platter was a noble, large-hearted, manly fellow,

always clean and honest and trustworthy, loving his friends and having many of them to love.

Arnaldo Francis Pack, of the Class of 1842, was born at West Feliciana Parish, La., January 31, 1818, and died at Pueblo, Colo., January 2, 1910. He was admitted to the bar in Ohio in 1844. In 1846 he removed to Mississippi, where he followed his profession until 1851, when he removed to Missouri. During the Civil War he served in the 6th Missouri Cavalry in the Confederate army. The loss of hearing caused him to abandon his profession, and he devoted the remainder of his active life to railroad construction and mining. He attained to a great age, being nearly 92 years old. He was one of the very few who were graduated during the Junkin administration, who have survived to the present year.

James Edward Galloway, of the Class of 1844, died at his home in Xenia, February 4, 1910, aged 85 years. Soon after his graduation he went to California in pursuit of gold, and remained in the west for a number of years in mercantile business. In 1866 he became a member of the legislature of Montana, serving one term. In 1872 he returned to the place of his birth, the Galloway homestead in Xenia, where he lived in retirement until his death.

William Montgomery Burgoyne was of Cincinnati, where he spent his life, and died March 17, 1910. The writer remembers him as he appeared in his Senior year, always genteel and neat in his dress, and having the easy manners of the city-bred young man. He was graduated here in 1853. After his graduation he spent three years as a clerk in the Probate Court, then he entered upon mercantile life, which he followed for ten years. After a brief period as a manufacturer and another period in the employ of the Cincinnati water-works, he engaged in the business of fire insurance, which he followed for many years, and until the close of his business life.

The Rev. Heber Gill, of the Class of 1865, died at Hot Springs in South Dakota, March 26, 1910. His father ministered in churches near Cincinnati and Oxford, and young Gill took all his course here in the University. It was broken by the Civil War, during which he served in Co. A, of the 167th Regt., O. V. I. He was a good student and took high rank in

his class. He was licensed to preach in the Ministry of the Presbyterian church in April, 1869, and was ordained in 1870. His scholarship and gifts as a teacher made him acceptable to a number of schools. He was Principal of South Salem Academy, of Paw Paw Academy, a Professor in Lenox College, and an Adjunct Professor in Hanover. He also served in the pastorate in a number of churches, at Hanover, Ind.; Concord, Ohio; Hopkinton, Iowa; Wall Lake and others. He was a man of varied gifts, diligent and useful, and of the highest character.

Edward Peet Williams was the son of the Hon. Jesse L. and Susan Creighton Williams, of Ft. Wayne, Ind. He was born February, 1838. He was educated in the Ft. Wayne schools, at Hanover College, and here at Miami, where he was graduated in 1858. He was admitted to the bar in 1861. He entered the army in 1862, and during three years he served as a soldier, holding a commission as captain. For a part of the time he served on the staff of Generals S. Smith and Turchin. He began the practice of law in Chicago, and for some years was associated with a Mr. Gary, who afterward became Judge Gary of great prominence. Mr. Williams returned to Ft. Wayne, where he continued to practice law, and the firm of which he was a member carried on an extensive and profitable practice for a number of years. He then turned to business, in which he was very successful. About 1880 he removed to New York City, where he resided until about nine years ago, when he removed to Greenwich, Conn., where he died in 1910, after a long, protracted illness.

Mr. Williams left a large estate. He inherited a large property, and by diligence and wise management, he added greatly to it. He was a liberal giver to charitable institutions, making his gifts in a quiet and systematic way, and in this he found great pleasure. He cherished a Christian hope, and sought to live a Christian life.

Rev. John Buck Smith, D. D., was born in Union County, Ind., near College Corner, August 29, 1836, and died at Crockett, Texas, April 6, 1910, in the 74th year of his age. He took his full preparatory and college course here at Miami and was graduated with the Class of 1858. He was graduated from

the Western Theological Seminary in 1861, and was licensed to preach in 1860. In 1862 he became chaplain of the 19th O. V. I., and continued in this service until the close of the war. In 1867 he was ordained by the Presbytery of Dayton, and served as pastor in the Presbyterian Churches at Green Spring and Clyde; also at Batavia and Williamsburg, Ohio; also at Kentland and at Monticello, Ind. He was President of Farmers' College 1877-79. In 1886 he was called to the Presidency of the Mary Allen Seminary, a school for colored girls, located at Crockett, Texas, and continued in this work until his death.

Dr. Smith inherited considerable property, and he accumulated more, and he generously used it for good causes. Here he founded the Charles Elliott Greek Prize, and he gave generously to the new Library building. The great work of his life was done in the Mary Allen School, where he planned and labored for twenty-four years. In the spirit of Christian philanthropy, he gave himself to this work. The writer recalls him as he was in his college days, always neatly dressed, a modest, quiet boy. We little dreamed then of his busy, useful and philanthropic life.

Upon the announcement of his death the citizens of Crockett held a meeting in the court house and adopted the following along with other resolutions:

"In the death of Rev. John B. Smith the city of Crockett has lost a worthy citizen, an able and useful business man, whose personal efforts in behalf of Crockett have done much to advance its material, moral and religious development."

Although many of the people of his city were not in sympathy with the work to which he gave so much of his life, yet his generosity and his usefulness won for him the respect of all.

The Rev. Jeremiah M. Oldfather, D. D., died at Hanover, Ind., May 8, 1910. He was born at Lewisburg, Ohio, October 6, 1841. In 1862 he enlisted in the 93rd Regiment, O. V. I., and served until the close of the war. He attained the rank of Sergeant Major. He was graduated here with the Class of 1869, and from Lane Seminary in 1872. In May of that year he was ordained to the ministry in the Presbyterian church, and at once went out as a missionary to Persia, where he

labored at Oroomiah and Tabriz for 18 years. Returning to this country in 1890, he took up his residence in Hanover, Ind., and for the rest of his life he served churches in that neighborhood. He was a good and faithful soldier, and a good and faithful minister, a strong man in every way. Death came to him suddenly, as he stood in the pulpit declaring the Gospel to which he had testified so long.

The Necrology for this year shows two deceased out of the Class of 1853, and three out of the Class of 1858. And of the whole number only one was graduated since the reopening. The deaths of Dr. C. T. McCaughan and Rev. M. M. Brown leave Hon. John Parker Reynolds, of Chicago, as the only survivor of the Bishop administration, an administration that was signally useful and grand and glorious. Of those belonging to the Junkin administration, two are still living; they are Dr. George L. Andrew, of La Porte, Ind.; Hon. John W. Heron, Cincinnati.

Of the McMaster administration, three survive; of the administration of Dr. Anderson there are twenty yet living; of Dr. Hall's, 140 are living; of Dr. Stanton's, 80; and of Dr. Hepburn's, 21. Of those who were graduated before the 1873 closing, 268 are still living. Since the reopening the College of Liberal Arts has graduated 349. The Alumni of the "New Miami" exceeds the number of the living Alumni of the old.



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